

Best Search Tools Chart

Selected Internet Search Engines				
Search Engine	Database	Advanced/Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
Google google.com Advanced Search . Ranks based on popularity (# of pages linked to).	Full text of web pages and other documents on the web. Plus: News (4500 sources); Images ; Groups (<i>Usenet posts 1981</i>)-, Local (maps, businesses), Products (shopping), Scholar (articles), Book Search , Video Search , Blog Search , and more	AND (<i>default</i>) OR (<i>capitalized</i>) - to remove words or phrases. + to include common words	* wildcard to replace word(s) (to * or *) No truncation. Quotes for phrase. Stems some words (+ to turn off). Fields: intitle:, site:, inurl:, filetype: more . US Gov Srch Similar pages - <i>finds related sites</i> .	Language translations . ~ searches synonyms (~food) define: finds definitions Tools: math/equivalents calculator , maps , stocks . - more
Bing bing.com Advanced Search	Full text of web pages and other documents on the web. Type up to 150 characters, including spaces, in the search box. Plus: Images , Videos , Shopping , News , Maps , Travel .	AND (<i>default</i>) OR (<i>capitalized</i>) NOT (<i>capitalized</i>) to exclude words.	No truncation. Quotes for phrase. For dates, type the name of the month instead of the calendar number.	Left panel, suggests related searches and shows search history. Translates similar to Google. Use Instant Answers for easy field searching.
Yahoo! search search.yahoo.com Advanced Search . Yahoo! Directory . Ranks based on relevancy (occurrence of terms).	Full text of web pages and other documents on the web (also huge). Some content pay-for-position or from Yahoo! community. Plus: News (7000 sources), Images , Maps , People , Local , Travel , Shopping , Video , Audio , and more.	AND (<i>default</i>) OR (<i>capitalized</i>) - to remove words or phrases. + to include common words.	No truncation. Quotes for phrase. Limit by date, language, domain, file type, and country in Adv Srch. Fields: intitle:, inurl:, link:, site:, hostname:	Translates similar to Google. Shortcuts give quick access to topics . Creative Commons search in Adv. Srch .
Ask Kids www.askkids.com	Good answers for simple questions. Also safe, entertaining games for kids; news by age groups.	Natural language questions, not Boolean searches.	Left sidebar offers links to narrowed, broadened and related search results.	Provides links to other resources (Schoolhouse, Movies, Games, Video, Images).
Selected Internet Meta-Search Engines				
Meta-Search Engine	Database	Advanced/Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
Ixquick ixquick.com	Searches Ask, All the Web, Yahoo, MSN Live, Exalead, Gigablast, EntireWeb, Open Directory, Wikipedia, and others. Customizable.	AND (<i>default</i>), OR, - to exclude. "Translates" complex searches to fit what each search engine "understands."	Picture search. Internatl Phone Directory .	Star rankings tell how many search engines include a match among their top 10 results. Refine search results by clicking <i>check mark</i> to find more like, and X to exclude pages like a result.
Clusty clusty.com	Searches Ask, Gigablast, MSN Live, NY Times, Open Directory, Shopzilla, Wikipedia, Yahoo! News. Selection varies.	AND (<i>default</i>), OR, - to exclude. Clusters on left of search result allow zooming in on subsets of results.	News, Images, Wikipedia, Blogs, Jobs, Shopping, Gov sites. Click Remix to change cluster listings.	Public search site from Vivisimo (vivisimo.com).

Selected Internet Subject Directories

Subject Directory	Database	Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
Internet Public Library ipl2.org	Resources useful to public library users, evaluated & annotated by librarians .	AND (<i>default</i>), OR, NOT, Nesting (). - to remove words or phrases. + to include common words.	Quotes for exact phrase.	Click magnifying glass icon by each result for metadata. Replaces the Librarians' Internet Index. Offers an "Ask an IPL2 Librarian" service.
Google Directory directory.google.com	Open Directory Project selected websites, enhanced by Google popularity ranking (<i>about 5 million</i>).	AND (<i>default</i>) OR (<i>capitalize</i>) - to remove.	Search like Google.	Use hierarchical subject organization to locate sites on a topic. Good to narrow down web searches with too many results.
Infomine infomine.ucr.edu Advanced Search and Browse.	Scholarly Internet resources, selected and annotated by (<i>mostly</i>) UC librarians. (<i>over 100K</i>).	AND (<i>default</i>), OR, NEAR, Nesting ().	Quotes for phrase; pipes (<i> term </i>) for exact word or words; Stemming (<i>can turn on or off in Advanced</i>); * to truncate. Fields: subject; title; author; keyword; description.	Can search all databases or individually. Can browse by subjects in each database.

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